



The South Carolina Public Service Authority (“Santee Cooper”)

Allowable Ex Parte Briefing

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About the ORS

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) was created with the enactment of Act 175 in 2004.

The ORS represents consumers of investor-owned utilities in South Carolina before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC). The ORS must look at the impact to the consumer and utilities' continued investment in reliable and high-quality services.

ORS Responsibilities

Consumer Services

Safety

Transportation

Telecommunications

Energy Office

Broadband

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Experience with Santee Cooper

Act 95: ORS Report to the Department of Administration

In 2019, the ORS performed an analysis to assist the Department of Administration with a determination of the rate base amount attributed to V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3 that were not used and useful.

Act 135: Monthly Reviews

In 2020, the ORS to conducted monthly reviews of Santee Cooper actions taken under Section 11 (E) of Act 135.

Completed **11**
 monthly reviews



Submitted **12** reports to Santee
 Cooper Oversight Committee



Reviewed over **10,000** pages



Act 90: New ORS Responsibilities

When considered necessary by the Executive Director of the ORS:

- Review, investigate, and make recommendations to the Santee Cooper Board of Directors regarding the rates charged and proposed
- Inspect, audit, examine, and make recommendations regarding electric services
- Investigate and examine the condition of generation, transmission, or distribution facilities

Retail rate schedules:

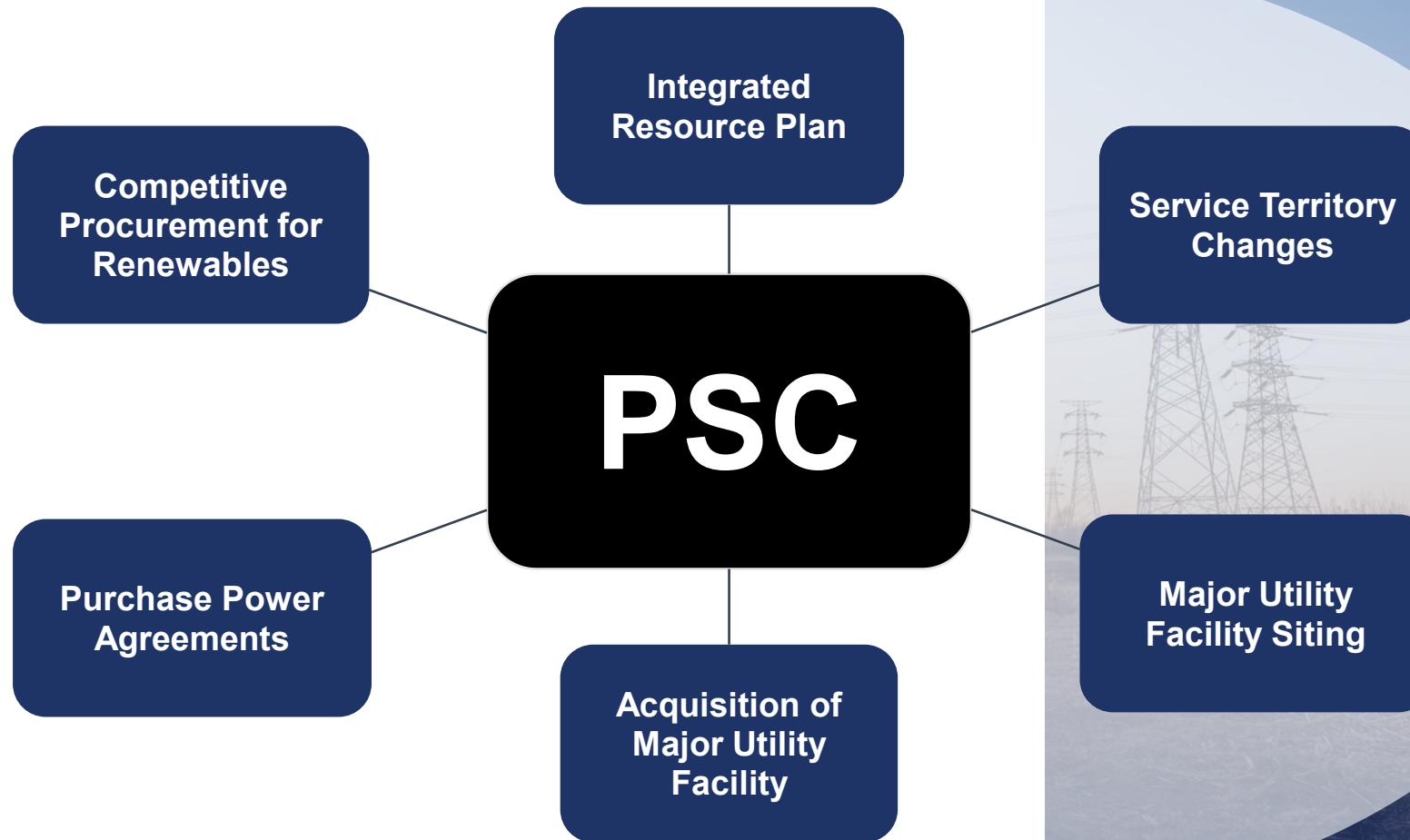
- Participate in proceedings for retail rate schedule changes before the Santee Cooper Board of Directors
- Issue comments on Santee Cooper's Annual Pricing Report

Upon request of the PSC:

- Make studies and recommendations to the PSC with respect to standards, regulations, practices, or electric service provided by Santee Cooper for matters within the PSC's jurisdiction



Act 90: New PSC Responsibilities





Referenced Documents

1. [Commission Directive Order No. 2021-592](#)
2. [Act 90](#)
3. [Act 175 in 2004](#)
4. [Act 95](#)
5. [Act 95 ORS Report](#)
6. [Act 135](#)
7. [Monthly Reviews](#) under Act 135
8. [Cook Settlement](#)
9. [Act 258 in 2018](#)

Questions?





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